Course Textbooks and Other Materials

Required Text: Macroeconomics Workbook: Principles and Practice (2017 ed.; sky blue cover)

Bring your own copy (buy, do not rent) of the current workbook to every class meeting. If you do not have your own book that can be written in on the day graded work from the book is collected, then you will receive a grade of zero for the assignment. You will also need a pencil, paper, and a non-programmable/non-graphing calculator (not a cell phone) for most class meetings. You cannot share calculators, so if you forget to bring one, you are out of luck.

The Economics Help Center is located in Hickory Hall, room 266 and will be open starting Monday, January 23rd. The Help Center hours will be announced when the schedule has been finalized.

Course Purpose, Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this course is to develop and use economic theory to understand the relationships between macroeconomic variables, how they change over time, and what policy instruments can be used to influence them. National output, income, employment, the general level of prices, and interest rates are some of the primary variables of interest. The topics covered in macroeconomics are those which appear in the newspaper and affect our daily lives. A basic understanding of how the economy works is essential not only to further scholarship but also to personal decision-making and so is relevant to all students.

Grading Policy

Course grades are based on 1000 possible points; points are earned in several categories:

- Homework 150 points
- Out-of-class Writing Assignment 40 points
- In-Class Graded Work 60 points
- Exam 1 200 points
- Exam 2 200 points
- Comprehensive Final Exam 350 points

Total 1,000 points

The final grade is assigned according to the following scale:

A = 900 – 1,000    B = 800 – 899    C = 700 – 799    D = 600 – 699    F = 599 or below
See [http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide](http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide) for detailed information about dropping or withdrawing. Go to the department office (Hickory Hall, room 254) on or before **Tuesday, April 4th** to obtain a drop slip (which I have signed) with a grade of “W,” or discuss your options with me. If you stop attending and do not drop the class, you may receive an “F” in the course.

A grade of incomplete will be assigned according to UNT policy on incomplete. Before requesting a grade of incomplete, read this policy at [http://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes](http://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes).

**Examination Policy**

Exam dates and the chapters and/or pages to be covered are listed on the following page. Exams 1 and 2 will be returned in class. **You must bring a UNT student identification card, a non-programmable/non-graphing calculator, and a number 2 pencil to each exam.**

**THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS,** and no exam grades are dropped. If you miss an exam, you must notify me immediately and then present written documentation of a University excused absence within two (2) weeks of the absence. If approved, I can replace missed exam points based on the percentage of questions answered correctly on the comprehensive final exam. If you do not notify me immediately after missing any exam, a grade of zero is assigned.

There is a 50-minute time limit for regular exams with 40 multiple choice questions. There is a two-hour time limit for the comprehensive final exam with 70 multiple choice questions.

**Homework**

Homework assignments come from the Workbook. Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class and will not be accepted for a grade unless completed according to my directions and turned in on Scantron 882-E. **Late homework will not be acceptable for any reason, but you are welcome to turn in homework early.**

Homework is worth 150 points.

**In-Class Graded Work**

In-class graded work includes 5 quizzes and 1 essay. **Missed quizzes and the essay cannot be made up, but I will drop one of your lowest quiz grades.** The essay will be completed in class without aid of notes or books and will be given during the last week of class.

In-class graded work is worth 60 points.

**Out-of-Class Writing Assignment**

Detailed instructions for the out-of-class writing assignment will be posted on Blackboard by February 1. The writing assignment is due by the beginning of class on **May 2.** If you hand in your assignment on or before **April 25,** I will grade it and give you your grade on May 2. If you hand your assignment in on May 2, you will not know your grade on it before the end of the semester.

The out-of-class writing assignment is worth 40 points.
Attendance Policy

Class attendance is expected and will significantly increase your chances for a better understanding of economics and a better grade. Additionally, unannounced quizzes and graded work which you might miss by failing to attend may lower your grade. ARRIVING TO CLASS LATE AND LEAVING CLASS EARLY ARE INAPPROPRIATE AND COULD POTENTIALLY AFFECT YOUR GRADE!

Course Outline – Spring Semester

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Examination Dates

Exam I (Ch. 1 - 5) .................. Tuesday, February 21
Exam II (Ch. 6 - 9) .................. Tuesday, April 4
Final Exam (Comprehensive through Ch. 12) .... Tuesday, May 9, 8 – 10am
**Classroom Conduct: Acceptable Student Behavior**

Come to all classes on time and prepared to take notes. Students that habitually arrive late, leave early, or come and go during class are disruptive and may be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (see UNT policy in next paragraph). Personal conversations between students will not be tolerated. Please do not bring food or drink to consume during class. Students engaged in activities that do not pertain to this class will be instructed to leave the room.

Student behavior that interferes with the Instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the Instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university’s expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at [www.unt.edu/csrr](http://www.unt.edu/csrr)

**Personal Electronics Policy**

You may not have any personal electronic communications or other devices turned on during class without prior permission from me. **This includes cell phones, laptops, tablets, and MP3s.** Cell phones, head phones, and ear buds may not be used during exams. **Any student accessing any electronic device during class without my prior permission will be instructed to turn it off, and there will be a 10 point penalty on the homework total for the semester.** If this occurs a second time, I will submit a request to have the student withdrawn from the course. Please see me if you have a documented need for and approved use of any of the above mentioned or other personal electronic devices.

*The above conduct and personal electronics policies are a result of concerns and complaints expressed by students. Please do not eat, talk, or use your phone, laptop, tablet, ear buds, head phones, etc. during class as it may be a distraction or an annoyance to your fellow students.*

**Email Etiquette**

I check my email at hellis@unt.edu daily Monday through Friday when UNT is open during the semester. Email correspondence should include your class and section number, should be appropriate, should not contain requests for handouts, notes, grades, etc. to be sent to you, and should never be a request to treat your coursework and grade differently than what is outlined on this syllabus. Inappropriate emails and student requests will be forwarded to the appropriate campus administrator. Due to UNT’s increased security procedures, students must send e-mails to me from their UNT accounts.

**Miscellaneous**

To contact me, please call or visit during the office hours listed on the first page of this syllabus. You may also contact me via email (see above). **Outside of office hours, you can receive assistance at the Econ Help Center in Hickory Hall Room 266.**
Copyrights

Class lectures are protected by state common law and federal copyrights. They are my own original expression and I may record them at the same time I deliver them in order to secure protection. Whereas you are authorized to take notes in class thereby creating a derivative of my lecture, the authorization extends only to making one set of notes for your PERSONAL USE. You are not authorized to record my lectures or to make commercial use of them without my prior express written permission.

Use of Blackboard

Although I will not use Blackboard to post grades, I will use it for posting some departmental handouts (syllabi, review sheets, etc.), so you should check Blackboard periodically. Detailed instructions for other assignments (like homework problems to be turned in) will be given in class. A week before the final exam, I will give each student a grade sheet in class, listing the homework total, quiz total, exam grades, etc.

Disability Accommodation

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

The Economics Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have not registered with ODA, we encourage you to do so. Please present your written accommodation request on or before the 4th class day.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Individuals engaging in activities that may be construed as cheating or plagiarizing should be prepared for the consequences. The minimum punishment will be to receive an “F” for the course. Please see below for further information on and explanation of cheating and plagiarism.

Important note: all assigned work must be completed by you, the student, as instructed. Resubmitting work completed in a previous semester or submitting work completed by or copied from another student constitutes cheating and will be treated as such.

The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University's Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. To view the complete policy, go to http:// facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity.
Cheating: The use of unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:

1. use of any unauthorized assistance to take exams, tests, quizzes or other assessments;
2. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments;
3. acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic materials belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University;
4. dual submission of a paper or project, or re-submission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor;
5. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage on an academic assignment.

Plagiarism: Use of another's thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student's intent, including but not limited to:

1. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement or citation.
2. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in selling term papers or other academic materials.

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